



St Paul's Newsletter

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Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, I hope all our children and families have had an enjoyable summer. Happy new school year to you all; we are so looking to welcoming our returning children back into school on Wednesday, and for our new children and families to be joining the St Paul's community!

School staff have worked hard over the summer holidays to prepare classrooms and central areas for the children's return and school really is looking fantastic. I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work in preparing for the new term. We have also had some new signage around school which we hope you will notice and admire as you arrive at school!

We are all excited about the coming term and have many experiences and opportunities planned for the children (and staff) to look forward to. We also hope to invite parents into school, to see the school in action for themselves.

Here's to a successful year at St Paul's!

Best wishes,

Mrs J Ferretti

Headteacher.



Welcome!

We are pleased to be welcoming some new members to our team. Mr Davis, who many of you met last term, has now started as Deputy Headteacher. We also welcome Miss Owen and Miss Sollom to St Paul's. Miss Owen will be supporting in Year 1 alongside Mrs Allcott and Miss Sollom will be supporting in Year 3. I am sure they will quickly settle in and be very happy here!

We said farewell to Mrs Finch at the end of the summer term and she begins a new role at another school. We wish her all the best and thank her for her hard work at St Paul's.



The School Day



Term starts for children in Reception to Year 6 and existing Nursery children on **Wednesday 7th September**. (New Nursery children will start as per transition arrangements)

The school day has been slightly amended –

The gates will open at 8.35am and classroom doors will open at 8.40am, when children should be in school. The gates will be closing at 8.50am. Please ensure your child arrives for school on time in the mornings – learning starts promptly.

In the interests of site security, and to enable us to lock the carpark gates promptly, parents arriving with their child at 8.50am will be asked to drop their child(ren) at the gate. A member of staff will ensure that children walk safely to their classes.

Parents arriving with their children after 8.50am will need to take them to the front office where they will be asked to sign them in as late.

A reminder for parents to please enter the school site through the pedestrian gate by the Year 5 classroom and exit via the car park gates.

Parents of children in Nursery and Reception may now exit via the new wooden gate on the KS1 playground to join the path to the KS2 playground, avoiding the bottleneck that can sometimes occur in the courtyard.

The **end of the day will be 3.15pm** for all classes.



Uniform

We are looking forward to seeing the children return to school looking smart in their uniforms this week. A reminder that, as per previous communications, our new school uniform is now available from [Lads and Lasses](#) in Bilbook or [online](#). **If children have 'old' uniform that still fits them and is in useable condition, there is no need to replace this for the start of term.** Children can continue to wear until it needs replacing.

However, *all* children *are* now expected to wear the new 'Active PE' uniform consisting of;

Maroon St Paul's sports top

Marron St Paul's zipped hoodie

Black shorts / joggers / leggings

Trainers.



The children will wear their 'Active uniform' to school twice a week. Teachers will be sending out details of PE/Games days later this week. There will be no PE/Games during the first week.

We are aware that due to supply and staffing issues, some Active Uniform orders have not yet been fulfilled which may mean some children do not have their uniform at the start of term. We understand and will accommodate this until orders are received.

Our [School Uniform Policy](#) can be viewed [here](#).

A reminder that **Oasis Café** run a pre-loved uniform stall on the first Saturday of each month 10am – 12 noon. There is an additional sale on **Saturday 10th September**. There are a range of items available including uniform basics such as trousers, pinafores and shirts.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bolton (one of our Year 2 Nannies) for her time in organising and running the sales.

St Paul's Coat Swap Shop

We have a number of coats in lost property that were not claimed last term. Please visit the front office during this first week of term if your child is missing a coat to see if it is on the rail. From September 12th, we will be opening a Coat Swap Shop – parents will be able to come and select a coat for their child. If you have a preloved coat in good condition that you are able to donate or swap, please send them in.



We hope this initiative will support families who are feeling the pressures of the cost of living increases.

We also have a number of pairs of shoes (girls and boys) that parents are welcome to come and collect should their child need shoes.

We will be setting up a food bank table in the front entrance. If any parents would like to donate or receive, please pop into the school office. As mentioned in our last newsletter before the holidays, we do have a link with a local charity who are providing support to families and can provide food parcels and vouchers. Please speak to the office or Mrs Ferretti if you are in need of support.



Please follow the link for information on [Wolverhampton food banks](#).

Twitter - @StPauls_CofE



A reminder that we now have a Twitter page which we will use to share information and celebrate school activities events and successes. Please follow us. Our Twitter feed can also be viewed on our school website.

Medicines in school

If your child requires medicine during the school day, whether for a long-term health condition such as asthma or a short-term illness such as an ear infection, we are able to administer medicines to children if necessary. All medicines must be signed into school and a form **must** be completed. Medicines **must** be in their original packaging with instructions/dosage and, if prescribed, must have the label with the child's name.

If your child's medicine is given, staff will inform you by text/telephone call/letter and/or verbal message at the end of the day.



As it is the start of the new year, we will be asking all parents to complete new medical forms to ensure we have the most up to date and accurate information to hand in school.

Under no circumstances should children bring medicines into school to keep in their bag and administer themselves.

Personal items

Children are provided in class with everything they need for the school day. We ask that children refrain from bringing in own pencil cases, stationary and toys.

Children will be asked to keep any items from home safely in their bags or, alternatively, a member of staff will keep it safe until the end of the day and hand it back to the child at home time.

Snacks

Children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) are provided with a healthy snack each day – parents should not send in snack items for them.

In Key Stage Two (Years 3 to 6), children may bring in a healthy snack to enjoy at playtime. This should be a healthy snack bar or piece of fruit. **No chocolate bars, sweets or crisps.**

Children should bring in a filled water bottle every day. **Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.**

A reminder that we are a 'no nut school' and ask that parents/carers do not send items that obviously contain nuts in for snack or in lunchboxes. We appreciate your support and understanding with this.



Bikes and Scooters –

A reminder for parents -



Please continue to ensure your child(ren) to push their bikes and scooters rather than ride them whilst on the school site to help keep everyone safe. **Thank you for your help with this.**

Bike storage is now situated opposite the Y5/6 classrooms, on the field near the car park and in the Y1/2/3/4 courtyard.

Dinner Money

A reminder that dinner money is £2.70 (or £2.20 for parents eligible for flexi payments) per day for children in Years 3 to 6 and should be paid online through the Gateway app. Children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 are eligible for Free School Meals or may bring a packed lunch if preferred.

What is my child learning?



Your child's Curriculum Newsletter will be sent home this week, providing information about topics and what will be going on in their class. We are hoping they will also be available on the school website too. The class teachers are really excited about the learning experiences they have planned and hope you will continue to support your child as much as possible. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

After School Clubs...

will begin week commencing 12th September and run for 6 weeks. This term our after-school offer is as follows;



Day	Club	Year groups	Cost	Time
Monday	Squash / Racket Skills (External - WLTSC)	Y5 & 6	£2.50	3.30-4.30
	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y3 & 4	£2.50	3.30-4.30
Wednesday	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y5 & 6	£2.50	3.30-4.30
Thursday	Archery (External - S2K)	Y2 & 3	£2.50	3.30-4.30
	Martial Arts (External – Believe2Achieve)	Y3/4/5/6	£2.50	3.30-4.30

Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term. Each half term, club places will be reset and allocated again. Clubs must be booked and paid for via the Gateway app to secure the place.

Attendance

I am sure as parents, you understand the importance (now more than ever) of children being in school when they are able to do so. As a school, we are required to inform parents when their child drops below a certain percentage. Of course, there may well be genuine reasons for the absence which are recorded on the register and

please be reassured that we understand this. We do ask that parents ensure that if their child is well and able to be in school that they do send them in. The impact of missed education is significant and can impact on children's life chances.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office on the first morning of the absence to inform us of the reason. For safeguarding reasons, the office will contact the parents of children who are absent from school if parents have not already informed school themselves. We appreciate your assistance and understanding with this matter.

If we are unable to make contact with parents, a home visit may be carried out.

Continued concern over a child's attendance may trigger a home visit from our Education Welfare Officer who will offer the family support with their child's attendance.



Holidays

Time off during the term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are unlikely to be deemed exceptional. When parents are considering taking their child out of school during term time, they must request, complete and return a Leave of Absence Form. Parents will then receive a letter informing them whether the absence will be authorised or unauthorised. Please note that unauthorised absence may lead to a referral to the Local Authority to issue a Penalty Notice.

The Penalty Notice is for £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days and £120 per parent, per child if paid after this date but within 28 days.

Parent/Carer's have a duty to ensure their child/children's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Attendance during one school year	Equals –number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed (5 per day)
95%	9 day	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons.

Birthday Sweets

We are happy for children to bring in sweets to share with their class when it is their birthday but do ask that parents send in items that are individually wrapped



for ease of handing out (no items obviously containing nuts please). Please could parents also ask the class teacher in advance to check if there are any dietary requirements in the class. Birthday sweets will be given out at the end of the day and staff will tell children to wait until they are with parents before eating them so parents can decide when/if they would like them to be eaten.

Open Door Policy

We are very proud of our open-door policy and want parents to know they are always welcome to come into school and talk to staff. Mrs Ferretti will be on the playground every morning from 8.30am to welcome parents and children to school and answer as many queries as possible before the school day begins. However, if you require a private meeting, or to meet with your child's class teacher, please do arrange a mutually convenient time by contacting the school office, or speaking to the class teacher at the end of the day. Please discuss any concerns with class teachers in the first instance.



Open Classrooms / Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite parents into school on **Wednesday 28th September** to meet their child's new teacher(s) and look around their classroom. This will be a chance for your child to show you where they sit, what they like about their room etc. It is not a Parent's Evening but there will be a chance to have an informal chat with staff. Parent Interviews will be held later on in the term giving an opportunity to discuss learning and progress. Classrooms will be open from 3.30-5.00pm.

We hope you will enjoy this opportunity.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those parents who were able to complete our recent Parent Questionnaire and Homework Questionnaire. Your feedback is very valuable and comments have been taken into consideration.



Diary Dates



September

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September

INSET Days – school closed to pupils.

Wednesday 7th September

Children return to school.

Reception and new Nursery children – as per previous communication.

Monday 12^h September.

Full Governing Body – 5.30pm

Friday 23rd September

TT Rockstars/Numbots Day

Wednesday 28th September

Meet the teacher / open classrooms – 3.30-5.00pm

Thursday 29th September

Harvest Festival

October

Monday 3rd October

Individual photos (siblings from 8am)

Friday 14th October

Big Story Day

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st October

Year 6 residential to Laches Wood

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Half term holiday

Monday 31st October

Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Our St Paul's Promise;

- P** We are **p**repared, we are **p**olite, we are **p**roud.
- R** We are **r**espectful, we are **r**esponsible, we are **r**esilient
- O** We make the most of every **o**ppportunity
- M** We **m**ake a difference.
- I** We are **i**n control
- S** We are **s**afe
- E** We **e**njoy and **e**xcel.



For parents of our new children joining us this week...

A Big Day

A Parent's Poem

It's a big day for you, Mum and Dad,
Your child's first school day.

They can't wait to join the fun,
And with us they will now stay.

You are your child's first teacher,
Their carer and their guide.

But now it's time to say goodbye,
And leave them at our side.

Home time isn't long away,
The time will fly, we know.
We promise to do our very best,
To help them learn and grow.

Let's work together as a team,
Parents, child and I.
We'll take care of your precious one,
And help them really fly!

Rainbow Christian Values;

Harmony, Patience, Honesty, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Justice, Humility

Our Mission Statement;

Building each other up—with God as our firm foundation.

(The Bible: I Thessalonians 5:11)

Term Dates 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Term starts: Wednesday 7th September
Half Term: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
Term ends: Friday 16th December
Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December 2022 -

Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half Term: Monday 20th - Friday 24th February
Term ends: Friday 31st March
Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17th April
Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Term ends: Tuesday 25th July
Summer Holidays: Wednesday 26th July —Monday 4th September

Training Days—school closed to pupils

Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September

Monday 31st October

Friday 17th February

Monday 5th June

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023

As a school we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all of our children.

St Paul's C of E Primary School

Keeping You Safe




SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

- **Do you have concerns?**
- **Has someone made a disclosure?**
- **Who can you talk to?**



At St Paul's the safety of our children is of utmost importance. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard our children but speak to one of the people below if you are worried.

<p>Mrs J Ferretti</p> <p>Headteacher</p> <p>Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr L Davis</p> <p>Deputy Headteacher</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Mrs S Lalli</p> <p>SENCO</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr M Eddies</p> <p>Year 1</p> <p>Online Safety Leader</p>	
<p>Mrs L Clarke</p> <p>Safeguarding Governor</p>			

If you have a concern about the safety of a child contact **Wolverhampton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub** by clicking [here](#) or by phone; **01902 555392**

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Outside of the above hours for emergencies on **01902 552999**

If the child or young person is at **immediate risk** of **serious harm** dial **999**

If you suspect or believe a child is suffering or is likely to suffer Significant Harm, including any form of mistreatment or abuse, **you must report your concerns**. All referrals must be confirmed within one hour by completing the on-line multi agency referral form ([MARE](#)).